

The regular monthly board meeting for the Township of Wright was held on Thursday, July 13, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. at the Wright-Waldron Municipal Building.

The Supervisor, Fred Horwath called the meeting to order.

The meeting was opened with reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance and with prayer offered by Board Member, Lois Hills.

The Board Members in attendance were Fred Horwath, Connie Strong, Lois Hills, William White, and Roger Zimmerman.

There were seventeen citizens and guests present at the meeting including Ray Saneholtz, Christie Cook, Maxine Vanlerberg, Richard Chudey, Skip Linden, Jim and Thresa Marry, Dick and Matilda Missler, Gabe and Marge Zawadski, Ron Murphy, Janet Aemisigger, Charles Meade, Terry Vear, Dean Newell, and Harold Douglas.

Board Member, Roger Zimmerman made the motion, supported by Board Member, Connie Strong, to approve the minutes of last month's meeting and the treasurer's report as printed. (*Treasurer's report follows.*) The motion carried.

<b>BALANCE ON HAND – JUNE 30, 2006</b>		
<b><u>WRIGHT TOWNSHIP</u></b>		
Checking Account	\$	247.00
LIP Account	\$	188,899.97
Sewer Fund Savings	\$	862.51
<b><u>SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND</u></b>		
Flagstar - Construction Account	\$	873.83
Operating & Maintenance Checking Account	\$	100.06
Special Assessment Money Market Account	\$	96,979.16
<b><u>WRIGHT-WALDRON FIRE &amp; AMBULANCE FUND</u></b>		
Checking Account	\$	121.87
LIP Account	\$	119,101.31
Certificate of Deposit	\$	48,060.91
Statement Savings	\$	19,700.11

The meeting was opened for public comment with none offered.

Terry Vear, CEO from the Hillsdale County Senior Services Center presented the Tel-A-Tend II client automatic call system for older residents. The Tel-A-Tend system checks on the health and wellness of elderly homebound Hillsdale County residents at no charge to the individual subscriber. She was requesting we consider the proposal to support this project with a contract for \$200.00, a one-time fee to assist in the purchase of computer hardware and software, totaling \$8,000; or \$200 yearly, to assist with cost of updating, operation, maintenance and replacement as necessary.

Board Member, Connie Strong made the motion, supported by Board Member, William White, to accept the proposal from the Hillsdale County Senior Services Center to support the Tel-A-Tend automatic call system and sign the contract for a \$200.00 one-time fee to assist in the purchase of the computer hardware and software. The motion carried.

Dean Newell from Osseo, a Republican candidate for the Hillsdale County Road Commissioner, introduced himself, presented his background, qualifications, experience, and distributed his campaign literature.

Ron Murphy, Hillsdale County Road Commissioner appointed to replace George Gier, was present. He reported that the Township roads are ready for the dust control stabilization to

be applied and the Road Commission is ready to begin the seal coating projects. He reassured us that next year we will not be last to have our roads ready for dust control but Pittsford and Wright should be at the beginning of the list.

John Pate from JLM Tank Truck Service had contacted Clerk, Lois Hills, about applying the second application of dust control earlier than six weeks since it is so late. He stated he didn't think the first application in other localities was holding up for very long.

Ray Saneholtz, Engineer from Feller, Finch & Associates asked Ron Murphy about some bills from the Road Commission that the Contractor, Rothenberger is receiving.

Maxine Vanlerberg, Hillsdale County Commissioner, presented information on the five proposals on the August Primary election ballot.

1. Medical Care Facility renewal proposal
2. Ambulance Services renewal proposal
3. Operating Surcharge renewal proposal
4. Ambulance Services proposal for additional millage
5. Medical Care Facility Improvements Bond proposal

Ray Saneholtz reported on the Lime Lake/Prattville sewer project. He said the project is moving along. Both contractors are 30-40% complete. The second pay request for the contractors has been submitted for payment. He presented a letter he sent to the Drain Commissioner, Bill Word regarding the possibility of combining the proposed 15 inch effluent sewer from the new Wright Township Wastewater Treatment plant with existing 14-16 inch underground clay tile that currently makes up the Timma Drain. He reported that there are over twenty service agreements not returned yet.

Ray submitted Change Order Number 1 for the Sanitary Sewer Project to add alarm horns and extra cable length and add shallower 7 feet deep stations to the project from Contract B – Rothenberger for a decreased cost in the project of \$10,207.52.

The motion was offered by Board Member, William White, and seconded by Board Member, Roger Zimmerman to accept Change Order Number 1 for the Sanitary Sewer Project to add alarm horns and extra cable length and add shallower 7 feet deep stations to the project from Contract B – Rothenberger for a decreased cost in the project of \$10,207.52. The motion carried.

A letter was prepared by Steve Darmofal, Project Engineer from Feller, Finch & Associates, for the Township to send to the Hillsdale County Building Inspector. The letter is regarding the electrical plans for the grinder pump stations for the Lime Lake/Prattville Sanitary Improvements which were reviewed by the electrical inspector, Mark Fish, and several key portions of the design were rejected by him. The letter is requesting a meeting with appropriate parties to discuss concerns.

Ray reported that while digging during the construction of the sewer lines on Judy Marry's property a private electrical line that was not marked was hit. It is an issue as to who is responsible to pay for the repair.

The Township needs a written policy on new taps and future connections to the system. A handout was prepared for our review on Lime Lake future connections - for items to consider and discuss.

Clerk, Lois Hills conveyed that she failed to remember in time to send a letter as stated in the minutes last month to each of the property owners outside the sewer service district requesting that the sanitary sewer main be extended to their properties to be connected to the system, and provide them with a cost estimate for connecting these properties to the system with

their "Yes or No" response due by July 1, 2006; and payment in full required in 30 days. She inquired as to how the Township would like to proceed now. The consensus was to send a letter to each of the residents requesting the extension of the sewer system to have them let us know their decision as soon as possible and if it is their decision to go forward with the project payment needs to be made on or before Monday, July 24, 2006; and if payment cannot be made within this time period to contact the Treasurer, Connie Strong.

Christie Cook, RCAP, brought up that a property easement would have been more appropriate than a service agreement. She explained that a property easement is specific to a property and a service agreement is specific to a person. Any time a property changes hands a new service agreement would be needed. She stated USDA is requiring a property easement. Ray stated that Attorney Dan Boyd thought a service agreement would work. Ray will contact Dan Boyd.

Clerk, Lois Hills reported that in 2004 she completed a Polling Place Accessibility survey for the Bureau of Elections. At that time someone from a disability advocacy group was present and assisted with the evaluation. There was one item that did not meet the requirements. On the pull side of the door there was not enough clearance provided to the side of the latch. At that time she thought it was possible Mryl Meller may not have completed all the outside requirements from the Accessibility Site Survey for the Lime Lake project. Permission was granted to contact Mryl Meller to fix the cement on the pull side of the door where there was not enough clearance provided to the side of the latch.

Board Member, Roger Zimmerman made the motion, supported by Board Member, William White, to pay the bills submitted for payment, a total of \$30,346.86 from the General Fund. *(A listing of the bills is available upon request.)* The motion carried.

The motion was offered by Board Member, William White, and seconded by Board Member, Connie Strong to adopt a resolution to approve for payment the following bills and invoices relating to the Lime Lake/Prattville Sewer project from the Construction Account of the Sewer Enterprise Fund. Roll Call vote: William white – yes, Connie Strong – yes, Roger Zimmerman – yes, Lois Hills – yes, and Fred Horwath – yes. The resolution was declared adopted.

1) Feller, Finch & Associates – Engineering	\$ 41,053.50
2) Feller, Finch & Associates – Engineering	\$ 30,575.50
4) Jack Anglin Civil Constructors, Ltd.	\$220,208.10
5) Rothenberger Company, Inc.	\$230,214.52
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Total	\$ 522,051.62
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There was a discussion on requested changes to grinder pump stations.

Board Member, William White made the motion, supported by Board Member, Roger Zimmerman to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

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Lois J. Hills  
Wright Township Clerk